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Title: SURGICAL CLAMP INSERTS WITH HOOKED TRACTION
ELEMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office
Action mailed August 1, 2008. Please amend the application
as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.